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1. Within a communication system having a plurality of clients including a first client and a second client, a method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients comprising:
 - monitoring the at least one broadcast event by the first client, and
 - launching monitoring of the at least one broadcast event by the second client in response to an occurrence associated with the at least one broadcast event.
2. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients as recited in claim 1 further comprising:
 - disabling monitoring of the at least one broadcast event by the first client.
3. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients as recited in claim 1 further comprising:
 - transferring a monitoring license from the first client to the second client prior to the launching step.
4. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the at least one broadcast event comprises one or a combination of broadcast events selected from a group consisting of a sports game, a simulcast concert, a television program, a networked program, and a radio program.

5. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the occurrence comprises one or a combination of occurrences selected from a group consisting of an event start time, a user input received by the first client, a user input received by the second client, a deactivation of the first client, an activation of the second client, and an establishment of a communication connection between the first client and the second client.

6. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the first client operates within a first device and further wherein the second client operates within a second device.

7. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients as recited in claim 6 wherein the first device is a device selected from a group consisting of a network device, a mobile device, and a cable box.

8. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients as recited in claim 6 wherein the second device is a device selected from a group consisting of a network device, a mobile device, and a cable box.

9. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer prior to the launching step.

10. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 9 further comprising:

storing at least one transfer client profile associated with at least one of the
5 plurality of clients in the first client prior to the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step, wherein the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step includes choosing the second client from the stored at least one transfer client profile.

11. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 9 further comprising:

storing at least one transfer client profile associated with at least one of the
plurality of clients including a second client profile associated with the second client
in the first client prior to the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step; and
linking the second client profile with the at least one broadcast event, wherein
15 the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step includes retrieving from storage the second client profile linked to the at least one broadcast event.

12. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 9 further comprising:

storing at least one transfer client profile associated with at least one of the
20 plurality of clients including a second client profile associated with the second client in the first client prior to the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step; and
linking the second client profile with a broadcast channel,

wherein the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step includes:

identifying the broadcast channel associated with the at least one

broadcast event, and

retrieving from storage the second client profile linked to the at least

5 one broadcast channel.

13. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 9 further comprising:

storing at least one transfer client profile associated with at least one of the

10 plurality of clients including a second client profile associated with the second client in the first client prior to the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step; and

linking the second client profile with a time period,

wherein the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step includes:

identifying the time period associated with the at least one broadcast

15 event, and

retrieving from storage the second client profile linked to the time period.

14. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the

20 plurality of clients as recited in claim 9 wherein the communication system further includes a broadcast server, and further wherein the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step comprises:

sending a monitoring notification from the first client to the second client,
wherein the monitoring notification includes a broadcast channel identifier;

sending a request for a plurality of broadcast information associated with the
at least one broadcast event from the second client to the broadcast server; and

- 5 receiving the plurality of broadcast information from the broadcast server by
the second client.

15. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a
plurality of clients as recited in claim 14 wherein the monitoring notification further
10 includes a time stamp.

16. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a
plurality of clients as recited in claim 14 wherein the plurality of broadcast
information comprises one or a combination of broadcast information selected from a
15 group consisting of an event start time, an event end time, a plurality of event
connection information, and a plurality of media information.

17. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a
plurality of clients as recited in claim 16 wherein the plurality of media information
20 includes a plurality of canned content information.

18. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of clients as recited in claim 9 wherein the communication system further includes a broadcast server, and further wherein the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step comprises:

5 sending a request for a plurality of broadcast information associated with the at least one broadcast event from the first client to the broadcast server;

receiving the plurality of broadcast information from the broadcast server by the first client; and

10 sending a monitoring notification from the first client to the second client, wherein the monitoring notification includes the plurality of broadcast information.

19. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 18 wherein the plurality of broadcast

15 information comprises one or a combination of broadcast information selected from a group consisting of an event start time, an event end time, a plurality of event connection information, and a plurality of media information.

20. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 19 wherein the plurality of media information includes a plurality of canned content information.

21. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 9 further comprising:

sending a monitoring notification from the first client to the second client;

requesting a plurality of broadcast information by the second client prior to the

5 launching step in response to the monitoring notification; and

sending the plurality of broadcast information from the first client to the

second client in response to the requesting step.

22. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a

10 plurality of clients as recited in claim 21 wherein the plurality of broadcast

information comprises one or a combination of broadcast information selected from a group consisting of an event start time, an event end time, a plurality of event

connection information, and a plurality of media information.

15 23. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 22 wherein the plurality of media information includes a plurality of canned content information.

24. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a

20 plurality of clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the occurrence comprises:

sending a monitoring notification from the first client to the second client.

25. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 24 wherein the monitoring notification includes a plurality of broadcast information.

- 5 26. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 25 wherein the plurality of broadcast information comprises one or a combination of broadcast information selected from a group consisting of an event start time, an event end time, a plurality of event connection information, and a plurality of media information.

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27. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 26 wherein the plurality of media information includes a plurality of canned content information.

- 15 28. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the occurrence comprises:
sending a monitoring notification from the second client to the first client.

29. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a
20 plurality of clients as recited in claim 28 wherein the monitoring notification includes a request for a plurality of broadcast information.

30. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of clients as recited in claim 28 wherein the monitoring notification includes a second client profile.

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31. Within a communication system having a plurality of devices including a first device and a second device, a method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices comprising:

5 monitoring the at least one broadcast event by a first client on the first device;

and

launching monitoring of the at least one broadcast event by a second client on the second device in response an occurrence associated with the at least one broadcast event.

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32. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 further comprising:

disabling monitoring of the at least one broadcast event by the first device.

15 33. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 further comprising:

transferring a monitoring license from the first device to the second device prior to the launching step.

20 34. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 wherein the at least one broadcast event comprises one or a combination of broadcast events selected from a group consisting

of a sports game, a simulcast concert, a television program, a networked program, and a radio program.

35. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 wherein the communication system comprises a first system and a second system, wherein the first device operates within the first system and further wherein the second device operates within the second system.
- 10 36. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices as recited in claim 35 wherein the first system comprises one or a combination of systems selected from a group consisting of a wired communication system, a wireless communication system, and a broadcast communication system.
- 15 37. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices as recited in claim 35 wherein the second system comprises one or a combination of systems selected from a group consisting of a wired communication system, a wireless communication system, and a broadcast communication system.
- 20 38. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 further comprising:
- initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer prior to the launching step.

39. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices as recited in claim 38 wherein the communication system further includes a broadcast server, and further wherein the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step comprises:

- 5 sending a monitoring notification from a first transfer application operating within the first device to a second transfer application operating within the second device, wherein the monitoring notification includes a broadcast channel;
 sending a request for a plurality of broadcast information associated with the at least one broadcast event from the second transfer application to the broadcast server;
- 10 and
 receiving the plurality of broadcast information from the broadcast server by the second device.

40. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 39 wherein the plurality of broadcast information comprises one or a combination of broadcast information selected from a group consisting of an event start time, an event end time, a plurality of event connection information, and a plurality of media information.

- 20 41. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 40 wherein the plurality of media information includes a plurality of canned content information.

42. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 39, wherein a plurality of canned content information is associated with the at least one broadcast event, the method further comprising:

- 5 determining the plurality of canned content information by the second device in response to the receiving of the plurality of broadcast information step.

43. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices as recited in claim 38 wherein the communication system further
10 includes a broadcast server, and further wherein the initiating a broadcast monitoring transfer step comprises:

- sending a request for a plurality of broadcast information associated with the at least one broadcast event from a first transfer application operating within the first device to the broadcast server;

- 15 receiving the plurality of broadcast information from the broadcast server by the first transfer application; and

- sending a monitoring notification from the first transfer application to a second transfer application operating within the second device, wherein the monitoring notification includes the plurality of broadcast information.

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44. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 43 wherein the plurality of broadcast information comprises one or a combination of broadcast information selected from a

group consisting of an event start time, an event end time, a plurality of event connection information, and a plurality of canned content information.

45. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 43, wherein a plurality of canned content information is associated with the at least one broadcast event, the method further comprising:
- receiving the monitoring notification including the plurality of broadcast information by the second transfer application operating within the second device; and
- 10 determining the plurality of canned content information by the second device in response to the receiving of the monitoring notification including the plurality of broadcast information step.

46. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 further comprising:
- 15 sending a monitoring notification from a first transfer application operating within the first device to a second transfer application operating within the second device;
- requesting a plurality of broadcast information by the second transfer application prior to the launching step in response to the monitoring notification; and
- 20 sending the plurality of broadcast information from the first transfer application to the second transfer application in response to the requesting step.

47. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 46 wherein the plurality of broadcast information comprises one or a combination of broadcast information selected from a group consisting of an event start time, an event end time, a plurality of event connection information, and a plurality of media information.
48. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 47 wherein the plurality of media information includes a plurality of canned content information.
49. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 46, wherein a plurality of canned content information is associated with the at least one broadcast event, the method further comprising:
- receiving the plurality of broadcast information by the second transfer application operating within the second device; and
 - determining the plurality of canned content information by the second device in response to the receiving of the plurality of broadcast information step.
50. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 wherein the occurrence comprises:

sending a monitoring notification from a first transfer application operating within the first device to a second transfer application operating within the second device.

- 5 51. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 50 wherein the monitoring notification includes a plurality of broadcast information.
52. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a
- 10 plurality of devices as recited in claim 51 wherein the plurality of broadcast information comprises one or a combination of broadcast information selected from a group consisting of an event start time, an event end time, a plurality of event connection information, and a plurality of media information.
- 15 53. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 52 wherein the plurality of media information includes a plurality of canned content information.
54. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a
- 20 plurality of devices as recited in claim 51 wherein a plurality of canned content information is associated with the at least one broadcast event, the method further comprising:

receiving the monitoring notification including the plurality of broadcast information by the second transfer application operating within the second device; and determining the plurality of canned content information by the second device in response to the receiving of the monitoring notification including the plurality of broadcast information step.

55. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 wherein the occurrence comprises:

10 sending a monitoring notification from a second transfer application operating within the second device to a first transfer application operating within the first device.

56. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 55 wherein the monitoring notification includes

15 a request for a plurality of broadcast information.

57. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 55 wherein the monitoring notification includes a plurality of second client connection information.

58. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 wherein the occurrence comprises one or a combination of occurrences selected from a group consisting of an event start time, a

user input received by the first device, a user input received by the second device, a detection of movement of the second device, a deactivation of the first device, a deactivation of the first client, an activation of the second device, an activation of a first transfer application operating within the first device, an activation of a second transfer application operating within the second device, and an establishment of a communication connection between the first device and the second device.

59. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 further comprising:
- 10 downloading an event monitoring application by the second device prior to the launching step.
60. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 59 further comprising:
- 15 receiving a navigational path from the first device by the second device prior to the downloading step,
- wherein the downloading step comprises downloading the event monitoring application using the navigational path.
- 20 61. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between a plurality of devices as recited in claim 31 further comprising:
- sending an event monitoring application from the first device to the second device prior to the launching step.

62. Within a communication system having a plurality of devices including a first device, a second device, and a third device, a method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event between the plurality of devices comprising:

- 5 monitoring the at least one broadcast event by a first client on the first device;
 transferring a plurality of broadcast information associated with the at least
 one broadcast event from the first device to the second device;
 sending the plurality of broadcast information from the second device to the
 third device in response to an occurrence associated with the at least one broadcast
10 event; and
 launching monitoring of the at least one broadcast event by a third client on the
 third device in response receiving the plurality of broadcast information sent from the
 second device.

- 15 63. A method for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in
 claim 62 wherein the occurrence comprises one or a combination of occurrences
 selected from a group consisting of an event start time, a user input received by the
 first device, a user input received by the second device, a user input received by the
 third device, a detection of movement of the third device, a deactivation of the first
20 device, a deactivation of the first client, an activation of the third device, an activation
 of a first transfer application operating within the first device, an activation of a
 second transfer application operating within the second device, an activation of a third
 transfer application operating within the third device, an establishment of a

communication connection between the first device and the second device, and an establishment of a communication connection between the second device and the third device.

64. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event comprising:

a plurality of clients including:

- 5 a first client for monitoring the at least one broadcast event, and
a second client for launching monitoring of the at least one broadcast event in response to an occurrence associated with the at least one broadcast event.

65. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 64 wherein a monitoring license is associated with the at least one broadcast event, and further wherein the first client transfer the monitoring license to the second client.

66. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 64 wherein the at least one broadcast event comprises one or a combination of broadcast events selected from a group consisting of a sports game, a simulcast concert, a television program, a networked program, and a radio program.

67. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 64 wherein the occurrence comprises one or a combination of occurrences selected from a group consisting of an event start time, a user input received by the first client, a user input received by the second client, a deactivation of

the first client, an activation of the second client, and an establishment of a communication connection between the first client and the second client.

68. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
5 event as recited in claim 64 wherein the first client operates within a first device and further wherein the second client operates within a second device.

69. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
10 event as recited in claim 68 wherein the first device is a device selected from a group consisting of a network device, a mobile device, and a cable box.

70. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
15 event as recited in claim 68 wherein the second device is a device selected from a group consisting of a network device, a mobile device, and a cable box.

71. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
event as recited in claim 68 wherein the communication system comprises a first system and a second system, wherein the first device operates within the first system and further wherein the second device operates within the second system.

72. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
20 event as recited in claim 71 wherein the first system comprises one or a combination

of systems selected from a group consisting of a wired communication system, a wireless communication system, and a broadcast communication system.

73. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
5 event as recited in claim 71 wherein the second system comprises one or a combination of systems selected from a group consisting of a wired communication system, a wireless communication system, and a broadcast communication system.

74. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
10 event as recited in claim 68 wherein the first device further comprises a memory for storing at least one transfer client profile including a second client profile associated with the second device, and further wherein the first device chooses the second device to monitor the at least one broadcast event.

75. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
15 event as recited in claim 74 wherein the memory of the first device includes a stored link of the second client profile to the at least one broadcast event.

76. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
20 event as recited in claim 74 wherein the at least one broadcast event is associated with a broadcast channel, and further wherein the memory of the first device includes a stored link of the second client profile with the broadcast channel.

77. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 74 wherein the at least one broadcast event is associated with a time period, and further wherein the memory of the first device includes a stored link of the second client profile with the time period.

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78. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 64 further comprising:

at least one broadcast server coupled to the plurality of clients, wherein the broadcast server includes:

- 10 a server memory for storing a plurality of broadcast information associated with the at least one broadcast event,
- a server receiver for receiving a request for the plurality of broadcast information,
- a server processor coupled to the server memory and to the server
- 15 receiver for processing the received request and for sending a transmission command to a server transmitter, and
- the server transmitter coupled to the server processor for sending the plurality of broadcast information to the second client.

- 20 79. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 78 wherein the plurality of broadcast information comprises one or a combination of broadcast information selected from a group consisting of an

event start time, an event end time, a plurality of event connection information, and a plurality of media information.

80. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast
- 5 event as recited in claim 79 wherein the plurality of media information includes a plurality of canned content information.

81. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event comprising:

a plurality of devices including:

5 a first device comprising:

a first client for monitoring the at least one broadcast event, and

a first transfer application coupled to the first client for sending

a monitoring notification, and

a second device comprising:

10 a second transfer application for receiving the monitoring notification, and

a second client coupled to the second transfer application for launching monitoring of the at least one broadcast event in response to receiving the monitoring notification from the first device.

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82. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 81 wherein the first device further comprises:

a memory coupled to the first transfer application for storing at least one transfer client profile including a second client profile associated with the second

20 device, and further wherein the first transfer application chooses the second device from the memory to monitor the at least one broadcast event.

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83. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 82 wherein the memory of the first device includes a stored link of the second client profile to the at least one broadcast event.

5 84. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 82 wherein the at least one broadcast event is associated with a broadcast channel, and further wherein the memory of the first device includes a stored link of the second client profile with the broadcast channel.

10 85. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 82 wherein the at least one broadcast event is associated with a time period, and further wherein the memory of the first device includes a stored link of the second client profile with the time period.

15 86. A communication system for providing continuity of at least one broadcast event as recited in claim 81 further comprising:

at least one broadcast server coupled to the plurality of devices, wherein the broadcast server includes:

20 a server memory for storing a plurality of broadcast information associated with the at least one broadcast event,

a server receiver for receiving a request for the plurality of broadcast information,

a server processor coupled to the server memory and to the server receiver for processing the received request and for sending a transmission command to a server transmitter, and
the server transmitter coupled to the server processor for sending the plurality of
5 broadcast information to the second device.

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